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ORDER OF HIS HIGHNESS & COUNCIL, JULY 31, 1656.

On consideration of a report of the Committee of the Council to whom petition of Richard Bennet and Samuel Mathews Esq'rs, Agents for Virginia and the rest of the plantations in the Bay of Chesapeake was referred and in concurrence therewith. Ordered that said pet'rs together with the humble Representation of the Governor Council & Burgesses of the Grand Assembly in Virginia therewith annexed as also a report from Lords Com'rs Whitelocke and Widrington made to the Council in pursuance of his Highness reference to them upon petition of Cecilius Lord Baltemore and the several papers thereunto annexed be referred to the Committee for Trade who are to consider thereof and to inform themselves of the state of the case and thereupon to certify the same with their opinion to his Highness and the Council.

(*Interregnum Entry Bk., Vol.* 105, *p.* 303.)

(TO BE CONTINUED)

MISCELLANEOUS COLONIAL DOCUMENTS.

FROM THE ORIGINALS IN THE VIRGINIA STATE ARCHIVES.

(CONTINUED.)

PETITION THAT CAPE HENRY* AND VICINITY BE PRESERVED AS COMMON LAND.

To the Honourable William Nelson Esquire, President and Commander in Chief of the Colony of Virginia, in Council:

The Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the County of

*Until within a few years past, the wild stretch of sand dunes, swamps and pine-barrens near Cape Henry was known as "the Desert." Prior to the date of the petition in the text, there had been a few grants within this section.

On December 19, 1711, Captain Horatio Woodhouse was granted 237

Princess Anne in behalf of themselves and the other Inhabitants of this Colony, humbly sheweth—

That the Point of Land called Cape Henry bounded Eastwardly by the Atlantic Ocean Northwardly by Chesapeake Bay, Westwardly and Southwardly by part of Lynhaven River and by a Creek called Long Creek and the Branches thereof is chiefly Desart Banks of Sand and unfit for Tillage or Cultivation and contains several thousand Acres.

And that for many Years past a Common Fishery hath been carried on by many of the Inhabitants of said County and others on the Shore of the Ocean and Bay aforesaid, as far as the Western Mouth of Lynhaven River. And that during the Fishing Season the Fishermen usually encamp amongst the said Sand Hills and get Wood for Fuel and Stages from the Desart. And that very considerable quantities of Fish are annually taken by such Fishery which greatly contributes to the Support and maintenance of your Petitioners and their Families.

And your petitioners further shew that they have been informed that several Gentlemen have petitioned your Honour to have the Land aforesaid Granted to them by Patent; and that

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acres at a place called the Desert between Chesapeake Bay and the Long Shore. On June 23, 1732, this same land, with enough in addition to make 740 acres, was granted to Robert Richmond. On September 26, 1764, William Woodhouse was granted a small tract near Cape Henry adjoining Charles Hill's late survey and Linkhorn Bay, and on July 10, 1766, Charles Hill received 94 acres near Cape Henry on the eastern side of Broad Bay. These grants, which probably had no permanent occupants, only affected a small part of the "desert" and the prayer of the petitioners was evidently listened to for the great body of land around the Cape was not granted until 1869. This grant seems without precedent, as far as can be seen, in our land records. It is dated October 1, 1869, and conveys to Dr. John P. Hale and his heirs, 3,118 acres near Cape Henry called the Desert. It recites that the grant is made in compliance with a survey made February 19, 20 and 22, 1809, which survey was in consideration of certain treasury warrants. The line begins on the shore of Long Creek, near its mouth in Broad Bay, running along the line of Richmond's patent of 1732, to a point near the narrows of Broad and Sinkham Bays, above Capt. Thomas Cornick's line, to head of Rainey's Pond, &c.

What makes the grant remarkable is that after the survey was made there was a delay of sixty years before the patent was issued.

one Keeling hath lately Surveyed a Part thereof Situate near the Mouth of Long Creek aforesaid, and that if a Patent should be granted for the same it would greatly prejudice the said Fishery.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that no Patent may be Granted to any Person or Persons for the same Lands or any part thereof; and that the same may remain a Common for the Benefit of the Inhabitants of this Colony in General for carrying on a Fishery and for such other publick Uses as the same premises shall be found convenient.

And your Petitioners shall pray &c.

James Kempe,	Edw'd Moseley,
Thos. Wishert,	Enoch Whitehurst,
Charles Williamson,	William White,
Hugh Craigdallie,	Lemuel Thoroughgood,
Thos. Abbott,	Jonathan Hopkins,
Lemuel Newton,	William Leggett,
Samuel Stone,	John Whiddon,
John Cake,	William Ackiss,
Tully Moseley,	Mat. Shields,
William Hunter,	Jo. Whitehurst,
Chr. Whitehurst,	Thomas Turner,
Robert Jones,	Moses McClelin,
Sam'l Boush,	Anth'y Fentries,
Fred'k Boush,	John Newton Cooke,
John Keeling,	Elias Roberts,
Rob't W^{m}son,	Jonathan Dawley,
Richard Berry,	Richard Edwards,
John Hurden,	Charles Sayer,
Will Wishart,	Thurmer Hoggard,
Max'an Boush,	Johnson Nimmo,
John Williams,	Peter Clay,
James Henly,	Smith Godfrey,
Thomas Old, Jr.,	James Edgar,
Joshua Paseley,	St. Jam Price,
James Fentress,	James Sparrow,
John Trewren,	Jonathan Porter.

[Endorsed.]

Cape Petition. Inhabitants Princess Anne.

Between 1770 & 1772.

PETITION OF COL. THOMAS SLAUGHTER* TO LORD DUNMORE.

To the Right Hon'ble John Earl of Dunmore his Ma'tys Lieutenant & Governor General of Virginia and the Hon'ble the Council thereof:

The Petition of Thomas Slaughter humbly sheweth

That in the year 1756, he received a Commission from the

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*The presence of the Culpeper militia at Winchester in 1756, is shown by Governor Dinwiddie's letters.

Thomas Slaughter was son of Robert Slaughter of Culpeper (who died 1769). He was a member of the House of Burgesses for Culpeper at the sessions of March, 1756, April, 1757, March, 1758, September, 1758, November, 1758, February, 1759, November, 1766, March, 1767, and March, 1768. He married and had issue.

William Green was member of the House of Burgesses for Culpeper at the sessions of February, 1752, November, 1753, February, 1754, October, 1754, May, 1755, August, 1755, October, 1755, September, 1758, November, 1758, February, 1759, November, 1759, March, May and October, 1760, and March, 1761. He married and had issue.

Ambrose Powell was a vestryman of Bromfield Parish, Culpeper, in 1754. In his will, proved in Culpeper, October 20, 1788, he divises a "warrant for 2,000 acres of land as an officer in the last war," *i. e.* the French and Indian. He was an ancestor of General Ambrose Powell Hill, C. S. A.

John Field was a member of the House of Burgesses for Culpeper, at the sessions of March, 1761, January, 1762, March, 1762, November, 1762, May, 1763, January, 1764, October, 1764, May, 1765, November, 1766, March, 1767, and March, 1768. He commanded a regiment at the battle of Point Pleasant, October 20, 1774, and was killed in that action. His will was proved in Culpeper, May 15, 1775.

Robert Green was probably the brother of Wm. Green, above.

Benjamin Roberts died in 1782, when his will was proved in Culpeper. It is not known to the writer whether he, or his son of the same name, was the captain in a Virginia State regiment, 1778-81.

Francis Kirtley was a vestryman of St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper, in 1761. He died in 1763.

Francis Slaughter was probably the second of that name. His father would have been too old for active service as lieutenant. He removed to Kentuckey about 1785 and settled in Hardin county.

John Green was member of the House of Burgesses for Culpeper, at the session of May, 1769. He served gallantly throughout the Revolution, was Captain, 1st Virginia, September 6, 1775; Major, August 13,

Hon'ble Robert Dinwiddie Esq'r then Lieut. Governor to be Colo. of a bodie of Forces from the County of Culpeper with directions to raise four hundred men, to be marched on an expedition against the Indians above Winchester under the Command of y'r Petitioner, A Major, five Captains, Ten Lieutenants & Proportionable Subaltern Officers.

That in Obedience to this command Y'r Petitioner raised upwards of 300 men & marched with the Officers whose Names are Subjoined, to Winchester, where he was to receive the Orders of George Washington Esq'r then Commander of the Virg'a Regiment, and there being forces Assembled there from other Counties, which in the whole were judged more than necessary, Colo. Washington, after holding a Council of War, determined to discharge part, & to save expence, reserved part only from each County, that there might be no necessity to retain any of the Field Officers; under which regulation two Companys of the Men from Culpeper were kept there & emploied during the Summer.

1776; wounded at Mamaroneck, October 21, 1776; Lieutenant Colonel, March 22, 1777; Colonel, 10th Virginia, January 26, 1778; transferred to 6th Virginia, September 14, 1778; and served to January 1st, 1783 (*Heitman*). He died in Culpeper in 1793.

George Weiherell was a justice of Culpeper in 1765, and signed the county protest against the Stamp Act (Green's *Culpeper*, II, 131.) He married Milly, daughter of William Bledsoe of Culpeper.

James Barber was doubtless James Barbour, third of the name (Green, II, 136), who was a member of the House of Burgesses for Culpeper at the sessions of November, 1761, January, 1762, March, 1762, November, 1762, May, 1763, January, 1764, October, 1764, and May, 1765. He was County Lieutenant in 1775.

John Slaughter married Milly, daughter of Robert Coleman, and had several children. See Green's *Culpeper*, I, 86.

A Thomas Triplett served in the Revolution as Captain in Graysons Additional Continental Regiment, 1777–78.

James Slaughter was member of the Culpeper Committee of Safety in 1775. He was styled "Colonel," no doubt from a later rank in the militia.

William Staunton was probably son of Thomas Staunton, vestryman of St. Mark's Parish, who died in 1741.

William Lightfoot was a son of Major Goodrich Lightfoot.

That your Petitioner was not an Officer of the Militia at the time he received the said Commission, but accepted it for that service, & was afterwards emploied in Various Services, such as Recruiting men for the Royal American Regiment, and marching in a Company of Volunteers to the Frontiers during the War.

That y'r Petitioner Conceived himself and the Officers who marched under his Command as aforesaid, intitled to Lands under his Majesty's Proclamation of Octob'r 1763, And humbly prays for himself and them, leave to Locate & Survey the same in order to obtain Patents.

And he will pray &c.

Thom's Slaughter Col'o.
Wm. Green, Major dead & Wm. Green heir at law.
Ambrose Powell Capt., stayed all the Summer.
John Field do. do afterwards in the 2d Regm't.
Robert Green do. discharged at Winch'r.
Benj'a Roberts do. do.
Fran's Kirkley do. do., Wm. Kirkly heir.
Lieut's—Fran's Slaughter & John Green.
Ensigns—George Weatherall stayed the Sumer.
James Barber,
John Slaughter,
Tho's Triplett,
James Slaughter,
William Stanton,
Fran's Slaughter, jr.,
Wm. Lightfoot.

[Endorsed.]

Colo. Tho's Slaughter's Pet'n read & rejected Ap'l 20th, 1774.

MUSTER ROLL OF THE FIELD AND STAFF OFF'RS OF 2D VIRG'A REG'T FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1777.

Alex' Spottswood Colo. Pres't.
R'd Parker L't Colo. do.
Morgan Alexander Recruiting Virg'a.
Richard Claiborne Adj't Pres'te.
Ambrose Madison Paym'r do.
James Wallace Surg'n do.

Wm. Graham	Mate	do.
Rob't Bell	Q M'r	do.

Alex'r Spotswood, Colo.

A MUSTER ROLL OF THE FIELD AND STAFF OFF'RS OF 2D VIRG'A REGIMENT OF FOOT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF AUG'T, 1777.

Names.	Rank.	Rem'ks.
Alex'r Spotswood,	Colo.	
Rich'd Parker,	Lt. Colo.	
Morgan Alexander,	Major.	
Ambrose Maddison,	Paym'r.	
R'd Claiborne,	Adj't.	
James Wallace,	Surjeon.	
William Graham,	Mate.	
Robert Bell,	Q M'r.	

Alex'r Spotswood, Colo.

[Endorsed.]

Muster Roll 2d Virg'a Reg't Aug't 1777.

ACCOUNT WITH RICHARD HARRISON,* STATE AGENT.

Dr. The State of Virginia in Acco't Curr't with

		Livres &c.
1777		
Decem'r 27	—To Cash adv'd Mr. Iverson Surgeon of the Musketo	198 ... ...
1778		
Feb'y 5	—To Cargo & Disbursements of the	

* Richard Harrison was, at the beginning of the Revolution, agent for Virginia at St. Eustatia and Martinique. See this Magazine, XVII, 258. The accounts are in regard to various vessels, owned or chartered by the State. The transactions seem in part to refer to cargoes shipped on the account of the State and in part to prize money due officers and men of the State Navy. In 1789 and 1790, when the account was finally settled, Richard Harrison seems to have been living in Alexandria.

The *Liberty* mounted 18 guns. Commodore Barron stated that she fought twenty actions during the war. (*So. Lit. Mess.*, 1857, p. 134.)

Captain Thomas Herbert, of the Virginia Revolutionary Navy, came from the vicinity of Norfolk.

		Schooner Hornett Capt. Haley ℔ acco't & Invoice		42,883	12 6
	25—To	Cash advanced the crew of Brig'ts Idea & Ann in part of Prize Money ℔ acc't transmitted		2,420	5 ...
July	16—To	Sundry Goods ℔ the Hornett Capt. James Hoobs ℔ Invoice herewith		18,594	3 ...
	To	Disbursements of Schooner Hornett Capt. James Hobbs ℔ acco't herewith		5,439	2 ...
	To	Balance carried to new acco't		12,950	9 4
				£82,485	11 10

Richardson Harrison.

Cr.

1778				Livres &c.	
Feb'y	5—By	N'tt Proceeds of Cargo ℔ the Hornett Capt. Haly ℔ acc't Sales rend'd		27,170	11 6
June	20—By	Abram Vanbibber, for overcharge on Goods ℔ the Dolphin in 1776	£178 14 10¼		
		Amo't of Lux & Bowbys protested Bill of Exchange, wrong charged the State in former Acc't	696 7 3		
			875 2 1¼ is	17,502	2 ...
		By 7 stand of Arms overcharged ℔ the Molly @ 24—& Commission on Va. 8.8		176	8 ...
July	14—By	N'tt Proceeds of Cargo ℔ the Hornett Capt. James Hobbs ℔ Acc't Sales herewith		28,409	9 ...

	By Sales of Prise Brig't Idea & Ann ℔ Acc't herewith	9,227	1	4
		£82,485	11	10
July	16—By Balance ℔ Contra	12,950	9	4

St. Pierre, Martinique.

E. E. R'd Harrison.

[Endorsed.]

July 16. 1778. Account Current, Richard Harrison vs. State of Virginia—ent'd 18th August, 1778.

Quantity of Figs & Raisins saved from the Brig't Idea & Ann (captured by the Liberty Capt. Herbert) and reshipped from Martinique in the Year 1778 by Richard Harrison on Acco't & Risque of the State of Virginia.

[The quantity of figs and raisins was 24 tierces, 550 barrels, 2,535 "Frails." The names of the vessels, masters and consignees, in which the capture was reshipped, were: *Revenge*, Isaac Freeborn, to Erskine & Donaldson, at Boston; *Jane*, William White, to same; *General Lincoln*, John Margeson, to same; *Neptune*, Henry Messerve, to same; *Polly*, Simon Elliot, to same; *General Smallwood*, John Rogers, to Isaac and Thoroughgood Smith, Netumpkin Inlet; *Unity*, Gabriel Bryan, to James Anderson, Georgia, and *Charming Sally*, Edward Hammond, to Erskine & Donaldson, Boston. The dates of shipment were in February, March and April, 1778.

Richard Harrison states that besides these shipments to America he accounted in July, 1778, with the State for 9,227 livres, one sol and four densiers, money of Martinique, being the balance (after paying charges) from the sale of a part of the cargo and the materials of the vessel. The above was the only prize, or prize money, that ever came into his hands from captures by vessels of the State.]

[Enclosure.]

Richard Harrison Esquire—In Acco't with—the Commonwealth—as appears by the Books of Thomas Smith Esquire late Agent for Virginia.

1778	Dr.			
Aug't 18—	To Cargo exported ℔ Hornett for Nett Proceeds of Tobacco amounting as ℔ sales dated 16th July 1778 to 28,409.9 (Livres.) @ 1 /	1420	9	5
	To Brig Liberty's Prizes for Nett Proceeds of Cargo & part of Stores sold in Martinique amounting as ℔ Sales dated 16th July to 9227.2 (Livres.) @ 1 /	461	7	1
		1,881	16	6
	To Balance due ℔ Contra	£ 559	3	0¼
1778	Cr.			
May 14—	By Capt. Thomas Herbert paid the Crew of the Brig Liberty that carried the prize Idea & Ann into Martinique as ℔ Acco't (Livres) 2420.5 @ 1 / ℔ Livre	121	0	3
Aug't 18—	By Cargo imported ℔ Hornett for sundries amounting ℔ Invoice dated 16th July to 18594.3 (Livres.) @ 1 /	929	14	1¾
	By Schooner Hornett for Disbursements amounting as ℔ Account dated 16th July to 5439.2 (Livres.) @ 1 /	271	19	1
		1,322	13	5¾
	By Balance due the Commonwealth	559	3	0¼
		£1,881	16	6

(Copy) L. Wood, Jr., Sol.

Richmond Solicitor's Office,

13th Feb., 1790.

[Enclosure.]

William Erskine Esquire—In Account with—the Commonwealth as appears by the Books of Thomas Smith Esq'r late Agent for Virginia.

1778	Dr.	
Aug. 18	—To Liberty's Prizes for N't Proceeds of raisons	1,686 17 4
1779 Oct. 1	—To an outstanding debt being part of Brig Liberty's Prize	100 ....
1778	Cr.	
Aug't 18	—By Delegates in Congress for your Draft on Nesbitt	1,586 17 4
Dec'r 18	—By Liberty's Prizes for Balance being debts outstanding	100 ... ...
		1,686 17 4

(A Copy) L. Wood, Jr., Sol.
Richmond Solicitor's Office,
13th Feb., 1790.

[Endorsed.]

Commonwealth v. Wm. Erskine Esq' Acco't.

[Enclosure.]

John Weareat Esq'r Continental Agent South Carolina in Account with the Commonwealth as appears by the Books of Thomas Smith Esq'r late Agent for Virginia.

		Georgia Currency.
1780	Dr.	
Feb. 18	—To James Anderson Esq's for a remittance made you	660 16 4
	To Balance due ℔ Contra	£
		Virg'a Currency.
1780	Cr.	
Feb'y 18	—By Benjamin Day Esq'r my Draft on you 1000 Dollars Virginia currency	300 ....
	Balance due the Commonwealth	

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Richmond Solicitor's Office,
13th Feb'y, 1790.

[Endorsed.]

Commonwealth v. John Weareat Esq'r Acco't.

[Enclosure.]

St. Pierre, Martinique, 7 novem., 1785.

His Excellency the Governor & Commander in chief of the State of Virginia:

Sir:

I have already addressed three Letters at different Periods, to their Excellencies the Governors of the State for the Time being, respecting the Matter which is the Subject of this. The preceeding ones being written in the Time of War, I presume miscarried, as I never had a Reply to any of them.

In the Year 1776 or 1777, the privateer Musquito Capt. Harris, armed by the State of Virginia, took a valuable prize & carried her into Guadeloupe, where she was disposed of by a certain Mr. Soubies of Point Peter. Mr. Richard Harrison then Agent here for that State, commenced an Action against him for the Recovery of the Proceeds: said Soubies refusing to account with him for more than half thereof: alledging that Capt. Harris, at his Departure, had made him Agent for himself & Crew. The Musquito never returned after going out again from Guadeloupe. The amount of the prize was between 70 & 80 thousand Livres. When Mr. Harrison left this Island he gave me his power of Attorney & Orders to prosecute the Matter which I did till the Year 1782, unsuccessfully, for want of immediate Powers from the State of Virginia. The Action was then suspended, the Expenses of which, amounting to about 5 thousand Livres were not decreed to either Party. Besides which I incurred others by sending a Gentleman of Abilities to accommodate the Affair with Mr. Soubies, who assented to his proposals but never comply'd with them.

In this Manner stood the Affair at the time of my last Letter on the Subject, since which my Absence from this Island has prevented me from ascertaining the present State thereof. If it remains yet unsettled, and your Excellency thinks proper to empower me by Letter of Attorney under the Seal of the State,

to demand the Amount as well for the Crew as for the State, I will on the Receipt thereof, present myself at Guadeloupe, on purpose to finish the Business, and will punctually comply with your Excellency's Instructions for recovering the Amount & remitting the Sums I may receive.

My Intimacy with General Count Damas, Commander in Chief of the Windward French Islands will procure me such Recommendations from him to the Governor of that Island, as will greatly facilitate & expedite a Settlement with Mr. Soubies.

This will be handed to you by Rawleigh Colston Esquire who will have the Honour of receiving your Excellency's Commands for me on this Occasion.

I am with due Respect
Your Excellency's
Most obedient &
most humble Servant,
Samuel Parsons.

[Addressed.]

His Excellency
The Governor & Commander in Chief
of the State of
Virginia.

[Endorsed.]

Mr. Parson's Letter respect'g prize money.

[Addressed.]

To His Excellency Beverly Randolph

Richmond Solicitor's Office,
20th Jan'y, 1790.

Sir:

On investigating the Account of the Brig Liberties Prizes that your Excellency the 14th Nov'r last was pleased to direct me to take Measures for the Recovery of the Balances, I find £461.7.1 due from Mr. Richard Harrison then of Martinico: £100—due from Mr. Wm. Erskine then of Boston: & the difference between £660.16.4 Savanna Currency & £300—Virginia Currency due from John Wearwatt Esq'r the then Continental Agent in South Carolina. I presume these persons ought to be

addressed by Letter, was I acquainted with their present Residence for want of which, enquiry at the places above mentioned I apprehend is necessary & who to address I am at a loss, not being sufficiently acquainted with any Person that would probably take the trouble for the Commonwealth to trace their removal or inform of their Representatives if dead: to remedy which difficulty I hope your Excellency can mention who I may apply to for information with reasonable hopes of Success. Mr. Smith informed me that Mr. Harrison was at Alexandria & therefore should your Excellency approve it shall write him on this Business, Requesting an adjustment of his Accounts & payment to the Treasury.

Most Respectfully I am Sir, Your Excellency's
most Obd't & very h'ble Serv't,
L. Wood, Jr., Sol.

P. S. since writing the foregoing have been favoured with a sight of Mr. Harrison's Letter to the H'ble J. Wood, the Account therein contained seems to correspond with Mr. Smith's Books but am dubious whether the Balance is yet paid. I apprehend not,

[Endorsed.]

Mr. Solicitor. Done.

VIRGINIA MILITARY FORCES IN 1779.

In the general Assembly,
Friday the 14th of May, 1779.

Resolved, that the governor and council be desired forthwith to inform the general Assembly of such measures, as have been taken for the defence of the commonwealth against the present invading enemy,* and are proper to be communicated.

Test:

May 14th, 1779. E. Randolph, C. h. d.

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* In May, 1779, a British force, under General Matthews, took possession of Portsmouth, destroyed the public stores at Gosport and Norfolk, burnt Suffolk and destroyed upwards of a hundred vessels. The enemy soon afterwards returned to New York. The Governor's letter appears to have been a response to a later resolution.

Agreed to by the Senate.

J. Beckley, C. S.

(A copy)

E. Randolph, C. h. d.

[Endorsed.]

Resolution of Gen'l Assembly calling for proceedings, rec'd May 15, '79.

[Addressed.]

The hon'ble Benjamin Harrison esq.,
Speaker of the
House of Delegates:

Wms'burg, November 4th, 1779.

Sir:

According to the pleasure of the House of Delegates signified in their resolution of the 16th of the last month, I now inclose you a State of the armed Vessels belonging to this Commonwealth, and returns of the Garrison & Artillery regiments, and of such part of the four troops of horse for Eastern service as are raised. What progress is made in raising the four new battalions, is out of my power to say, the returns being very few, probably the collected information of the Members of General Assembly may enable you to form a Judgment. A Considerable part of the Men for the Illinois troop of horse is raised. Orders were sent in June to Colo. Todd to purchase horses there. The present strength of the Illinois battalion under Colo. Clarke, I am unable to State with accuracy; but from information of Officers from thence not long since, its number was about three hundred.

I also inclose you Sir, returns of the Virginia troops now with the grand army, of Colo. Gibson's regiment at Fort Pitt, of so much of Colo. Baylor's regiment of horse as is with the grand army, and of Colo. Taylor's regiment of Guards for the Convention troops. An Express has been sent to General Scott for a return of the new Levies under his command, which we may hope to receive very shortly, and shall be communicated to you the moment it comes. I am sorry that no returns enable me to give you an exact State of the residue of Colo. Baylor's horse

with the Southern army, of Colo. Bland's horse nor of two independant Companies of infantry under Capt'ns Ohara and Heath at Fort Pitt, for all of which you are entitled to credit as part of your Continental Quota, according to a resolution of Congress of March 15 1779 to be found in the printed Journals, but of which no authentic Copy has been received by us. Colo. Taylor's regiment on its present establishment seems not to come within the descriptions in the resolutions, tho' in Continental service.

I have been much longer in collecting & transmitting to you these returns than I at first hoped. I beg you to be assured that I have not added a moment to those delays which the collecting of them has unavoidably occasioned.

I have the honour to be with the greatest respect Sir

Your most obedient
and most humble serv't,

Th. Jefferson.

[Beginning with "I have the honour" the handwriting is that of the signature.]

[Endorsed.]

Governor's Letter. Nov'r 4 1779. Clarke's troops 300 &c.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)